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Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 7, 7th July 2024

Presenter: Rev Josh McPaul

Focus Reading: Mark 6:1-13

Message 11 minutes 0 seconds

“Something Amazing!?”

Discussion Starters

- 1** The message talked about the difference between control and trust. What parts of your life do you feel like you most need to control? Where do you most need to trust?
- 2** Have you ever had an encounter with God’s presence?
- 3** How does trust better position us to experience God’s presence?
- 4** What practices could your church engage in to put you more in a position to experience more of God’s presence?

Lectionary readings for the day

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10 God anoints David as monarch of Israel. The monarch is to see that the community lives in covenant (Ps 72)

Psalms 48 This song of Zion celebrates Jerusalem as a place of safety. Jerusalem is a community whose life is to embody how God wants people to live together.

2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Paul recounts the ecstatic vision by which God called him and claims that God’s power works through his thorn in the flesh.

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All Age Message: Rev Josh McPaul

“I Do It!”

Length 2 minutes 55 seconds

Precis of AAM

It is not unusual to underestimate the ability of both ourselves and those around us! Kids are always surprising us with what they know and can do! Jesus had to deal with this too – his followers were inexperienced and had a lot to learn. Jesus saw them, gave them responsibility, and trusted that with God’s help they could do amazing things. Is that you?

Uniting in Worship (Blue Book). Psalm 48: Pages 286-287

Rev Josh McPaul

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